

29th September, 1960.

COCOM Document No. 4155

COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONPROPOSED GERMAN EXPORT OF OSCILLATOR QUARTZES TO POLAND26th September, 19602-ST/D  
File Copy

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

Reference: COCOM Document 4132.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to a German proposal to export to Poland 100 oscillator quartzes covered by Item 1587 and valued at \$ 1116. He invited delegates to make known the views of their Governments.
2. The UNITED STATES Delegate stated that he had been instructed to object to the proposed export. His authorities believed that these oscillator quartzes were of a quality substantially superior to that which would be required for one-channel portable radio transmitters for the Polish fire-brigade. This superiority manifested itself in (a) the temperature range, which was wider than would be required; (b) the price, which was high even for this grade of oscillator quartzes (as compared with approximately \$ 11 apiece for these German quartzes, the United States Government spent less than \$ 2 per unit for purchases in quantity; a commercial equivalent cost under \$ 5 per unit); and (c) the tolerance, ( $3 \times 10^{-2}$ ) which was not only considerably higher than any civilian requirements in compliance with I.T.U. specifications but also higher than standard United States military specifications. Under these circumstances the United States authorities believed that this export would be strategically undesirable.
3. The BELGIAN<sup>Delegate</sup> stated that his Government would raise no objection to this export in view of the humanitarian end-use.
4. The ITALIAN Delegate stated that he was without instructions and undertook to give final views the following day.
5. No other objections were raised, and the GERMAN Delegate thanked delegations who had given favourable replies. He took note of the objection raised by the United States Delegation and wished to reply to the latter's contention that the quartzes proposed for export were of a quality superior to that normally required for the stated end-use. As far as the temperature range was concerned, he believed that the higher figure cited would only allow a small security margin for firefighting purposes, while the lower one would certainly be essential in view of winter temperatures in Poland. He would report the comment made on the tolerance and also on the price, but believed that the latter was not a relevant factor, and that views should be based on technical specifications only. The Delegate noted that his Delegation's Memorandum had omitted a reference to the usual guarantees against re-export. He was able to confirm this fact and had already informed the United States Delegation of it on a bilateral basis. He would be interested to hear what the United States authorities would consider to be appropriate specifications for equipment intended for the Polish firefighting services. The oscillator quartzes proposed for export were of an obsolete type, not sub-miniaturised and embodying no new technology. In conclusion the Delegate would request the United States Delegation to reconsider their position.

CONFIDENTIAL

- 2 -

COCOM Document No. 4155

6. The UNITED STATES Delegate undertook to report these comments to his authorities, together with the German Delegate's request for reconsideration.

7. On the 27th September, the ITALIAN Delegate informed the German Delegation and the Secretariat that his authorities had no objection to the proposed export.

C O N F I D E N T I A L